

DETAILED ACTION

1. ***Election/Restrictions***

Applicant's election without traverse of Species II (claims 2, 18-20,26 and 27) in the telephone interview on 2/17/2010 is acknowledged.

2. **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christopher Monday on 02/17/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN CLAIMS:

Please cancel **claims 1, 4 – 16 and 21 – 25**.

3. ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 2, 18-20, 26 and 27 are allowed.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Prior Art of record fails to disclose: *"An information display apparatus comprising: a pair of main ribs; a plurality of intermediate ribs interposed by the main ribs; a pivot for turnably fixing the main ribs and the intermediate ribs in a root portion; and a fan face joined to the intermediate ribs and disposed between the pair of main ribs as well as openably/closably bent like bellows, the fan face comprising: a thin film flat display formed on a flexible and bendy thin film, the thin film flat display having a back surface; a plurality of mountains having vertex portions that are joined to the back surface of the thin film flat display such that the mountains of the fan face are joined in at least a part of the fan face to make the thin film flat display have a flat surface in an unfolded state of the fan face; and a plurality of valleys connected to the mountains and to the back surface of the thin film flat display by strings that pull the back surface of the thin film flat display in a direction of the valleys when the fan face is being folded such that a result of the folding of the fan face is the thin film flat display being folded to the valleys of the fan face"* (as recited in claim 2).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dmitriy Bolotin whose telephone number is (571)270-5873. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amare Mengistu can be reached on (571)272-7674. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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